

PALARONG PAMBANSA 2010
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San Jose, Province of Tarlac

BASEBALL
(ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY)

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES AND GROUND RULES

The **OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES** shall be followed in all the games. In addition, the following **GROUND RULES** shall be applied:

1. Elementary/Secondary Baseball shall be played in *Five (5) innings* (during the elimination, quarter finals, consolation (game 36), semifinal and final rounds) and *seven (7) innings* in the championship game (game 38) only. Any team has the *option to concede*.
2. The *10-Run Rule* shall be applied in all the games, except in the championship game (bottom of 3rd or anytime after the 3rd).
3. There shall be *thirteen (13) persons* on the bench of each baseball team for the duration of the game, to wit, twelve (12) players and one (1) coach. No trainer/assistant coach shall be allowed to sit on the bench of each baseball team.
Note: Any violation of item # 3 would mean the following:
 - a. First offence – *Warning*
 - b. Second offence – *Automatic removal of the pitcher from the mound*
 - c. If the team persistently violates this rule, the game shall be *forfeited* in favor of the opposing team.
4. Only the official *coach and a designated player* from the official line-up of the Team can direct play during the progress of the game. They should be wearing the same uniform as the other members of the team (shorts/pants and sando are not allowed). Teams with athlete having more than one (1) set of uniform must have identical back numbers. The back numbers should be from 1-12 only.
5. The *LAW OF IMMEDIATE SUCCESSION SHALL BE OBSERVED*. Only the *First game in the morning* and *first game in the afternoon* shall be given fixed scheduled time. Games that follow shall start immediately after the end of each preceding game. Inspection of athletes' gallery must be done before the start of any game.
6. A *GRACE PERIOD of fifteen (15) minutes*, base from the time the preceding game has ended shall be observed in declaring any game(s) as forfeited or default. Coaches are requested to submit their contact number(s) to the management to facilitate information dissemination. It is likewise urged to *synchronize the "TIME"* to ensure punctuality and promptness.
7. In Elementary Baseball, a *MANDATORY REST PERIOD OF 24 HOURS* shall be imposed *to pitchers who have pitched in FOUR (4) OR MORE INNINGS IN A GAME*. In *DOUBLE HEADERS*, a *MANDATORY ONE (1) GAME REST* shall be imposed.
8. It is *MANDATORY* for all competing teams *to provide their respective teams with the necessary equipment, such as:*
 - Bats
 - Batting helmets/running helmets
 - Shin guards

- Catcher's mask (preferably with helmet and throat protector)
 - Groin guard (for catchers, infielders and pitchers)
9. In case a coach commits a **"SECOND TRIP TO THE MOUND"** in the same Inning, the pitcher shall be removed from the pitching position, but may continue to play in other position in the field (Rule 8.06-b).
 10. The rule on **NO RE-ENTRY** (Rule 3.03) shall be imposed.
 11. There shall be **NO DESIGNATED HITTER (DH)** in **ELEMENTARY BASEBALL**
 12. **"MANDATORY PLAY ALL"** ALL TWELVE (12) PLAYER, ENTERED AS OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE TEAM MUST BE FIELDDED Evertime THE TEAM PLAY IN AN SCHEDULED GAME (THE THREE SUBTITUTES/ALTERNATES MUST BE FIELDDED FOR AT LEAST AN INNING, THREE (3) DEFENSIVE PUT OUTS AND THREE (3) OFFENSIVE PUT OUTS).

NOTE: IN CASE AN INJURY OCCUR OR A PLAYER IS DISQUALIFIED, WHERE, ALL AVAILABLE SUBSTITUTES WERE EXHAUSTED, THE COACH OF THE OTHER TEAM WILL BE GFIVEN THE RIGHT TO SELECT FROM THE "PLAYERS ON THE **BENCH**" (but not a previously disqualified/ejected/thrown out player). A violation of this guideline/rule shall be an outright forfeiture of the Game in favor of the opposing team.

IN CASE OF AN ABBREBRIATED GAME, THE PLAYERS IN THE OFFIIAL LIST WHO DID NOT PLAY IN THATR GAME MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE FIRST 9 PLAYERS OF THE TEAM IN THEIR NEXT SCHEDULE GAME (IMMEDIATE SUCCEEDING GAME).

13. IF A GAME IS CALLED DUE TO **"FORCE MAJEURE SITUTIONS"** IT IS A REGULATION GAME IF THREE (3) INNINGS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED (Elimination, Quarter Finals, Semi Finals, Battle for 3rd place) and 5 INNINGS IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ONLY.

NOTE: IN CASE THE GAME HAS PROGRESSED BEYOND 3RD (5TH INNING) BUT HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED, THE GAME SHALL BE A "CALLED GAME". THE WINNERS SHALL BE **THE TEAM THAT SCORED MORE RUNS IN THE LAST COMPLETED INNING**.

14. IN ANY CASE, WHEN THE WEATHER CONDITIONS SHALL NO LONGER PERMIT/ALLOW THE TOURNAMENT TO BE FINISHED, THE FOLLOWING MEASURES SHALL BE ADOPTED:
 - IF 7TH PLACE OR HIGHER RANK HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, THE AVERAGE OF THE SUMMATION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS FOR EACH OF THE REMAINING PLACES/RANKS WILL BE CONSIDERED, HENCE, **SHARED, CHAMPIONSHIP (CO-CHAMPIONSHIPS) SHALL BE DECLARED**.
15. **BREAKING TIES IN THE ELIMINATION ROUNDS:** ALL TIES IN THE ELIMINATION ROUND SHALL BE SETTLED AS FOLLOWS (in order).
 - a. **TWO-WAY TIE**
WIN OVER THE OTHER. THE TEAM THAT WON THE GAME (S) BETWEEN TEAMS TIED SHALL BE GIVEN THE HIGHER RANK/POSITION.
 - b. **TRIPPLE TIE**
 - FEWEST RUNS ALLOWED IN THE GAME PLKAYED BETWEEN TEAMS TIED.
 - MORE RUNS SCORED IN THE GAME PLAYED BETWEEN TEAMS TIED.
 - DIFFERENCE IF THE NUMBER OF RUNS FOR AND NUMBER OF RUNS AGAINST IN ALL THE GAMES PLAYED BY TEAMS TIED. (# runs for-#runs against).
 - A "COIN FLIP"

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Additional Ground Rules in Baseball (Elem. & Sec.)

1. All scheduled games shall start at 7:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
2. The "Law of Immediate Succession" shall be observed with the following conditions, to wit:
 - a. If the first game has gone to its full length, the second game shall follow accordingly.
 - b. If the first game becomes abbreviated, the second game should be started not earlier than 8:30 AM.
 - c. No second game shall be started later than 10:30 AM.
3. A long hit that goes beyond established markers shall be a homerun (HR).
4. If the ball bounce and roll inside a fair territory, it is a live ball and on play.
5. If a ball bounces inside and over the established marker, it shall be a two (2) base hit only.
6. Long hit or thrown ball that goes up and down a slope inside a fair territory, the ball is live and on play.
7. The allowable measurements of the baseball bat are as follows:
 - a. Elementary – not greater than 32" long, a weight deduction of not more than -12 and a maximum barrel of 2-1/4".
 - b. Secondary – not greater than 34" long, a weight deduction of not more than -5 and a maximum barrel of 2- 5/8".
8. A bat should not contain any additional part that provides a batter extra batting power.
9. The use of metal cleats is strictly prohibited.
10. *Unnecessary apparel should not be worn by any official member of the team during the game.*
11. On HPB, removal of player pitcher shall be imposed when:
 - a. Three (3) HPB – automatic removal of player as a pitcher.
 - b. Two (2) HPB – removal of the pitcher in that inning.
 - c. Five (5) – removal of the pitcher in the game.
 - d. Two (2) HPB of the same batter – removal of the pitcher in the mound but can still return.

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